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SUBJ: REAPPEARANCE OF CHERIF BELKACEM AND MADAME BOUMEDIENE

1. BOTH MINISTER OF STATE CHERIF BELKACEM AND MADAME ANISA BOUMDEIENE ATTENDED SEVERAL FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER 1 CELEBRATION. BELKACEM HAD NOT APPEARED IN PUBLIC SINCE LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE NOR HAD MADAME BOUMEDIENE SINCE STATE DINNER FOR SHAYKH ZAYID OF ABU DHABI AUGUST 9. BOTH HAD BEEN WIDELY RUMORED TO HAVE FALLEN OUT WITH PRESIDENT AND HIS INNER CIRCLE.

2. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER BELKACEM WILL TAKE UP HIS FORMER EXTENSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION, MINISTER OF STATE, COORDINATOR OF FLN AND OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS, PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, ETC. NOR DO WE YET KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT PRESIDENT AND MRS. BOUMEDIENE ARE RECONCILED. THEIR RE-EMERGENCE IN PUBLIC, HOWEVER, GIVES LIE FOR THE MOMENT TO GOSSIP ABOUT DIVORCE AND IS SIGN OF AT LEAST PARTIAL REHABILITATION OF BELKACEM.
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